

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Diversity of media ownership is necessary to protect our democratic form of government. The inevitable concentration of ownership if regulation is loosened will ultimately make it possible for a few to control sources of information and to manipulate that information to suit the interests of ownership. A misinformed and propagandized citizenry is dangerous to the continued existence of democratic government. I oppose loosening the rules governing media ownership. Thank you.